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"SUBMITTAL OF SIGNED DECLARATIONS"

APPLICANT:

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EXAMINER:

INVENTION:

"METHOD OF PROVIDING MAINTENANCE SERVICES"

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated May 30, 2001, Applicants submit that the signed Declarations.

In particular, multiple copies of the Declaration and Power of Attorney forms are enclosed, each by one or more of the inventors. Also enclosed is a copy of the Invitation. Further, enclosed is an affidavit of the undersigned attorney regarding the refusal to sign by one of the inventors.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants hereby request an extension of the time for response to the Invitation to Correct Defects of four months. Enclosed is a check for \$1440.00 to cover the extension fee. In the event that a further fee is due or a refund owed,

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